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FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION MADE TO SENIORS

(July 13, 2011) The Hartford Fire Department continues to engage the residents of Hartford in proactive fire & life safety programs. On July 12th, more than 40 residents of 90 Retreat Ave. (The Retreat Assisted Living Community) attended a presentation by the Hartford Fire Department's **Community Risk Reduction Division (CRRD)**. This presentation was requested by a member of the resident's safety committee.

Reaching the senior population of Hartford is a major component of the CRRD and the Hartford Fire Department's Fire Safety Blitz program. On average, over 1,000 Americans age 65 and over succumb to fatal injuries due to residential fires. Furthermore, 2,000 are injured in fire-related incidences which are due to factors of decreased mobility, health, sight, and hearing which can limit a person's ability to take the appropriate measures to escape during a fire emergency.
(<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/about/>)

The presentation included cooking safety tips, electrical safety tips, and facts about seniors as it relates to fires. Recent data supports that numerous cooking fires and electric cord usage led to the deaths of 2 persons within the past 5 years. Seniors are in a high risk category and the CRRD is reaching members of the community in an effort to increase awareness and prevent future personal injury or property loss. Firefighter Marcelino Class conducted the presentation to the residents of the Retreat living community.



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